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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN MOZAMBIQUE WEEKEND PRESS

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST ON ANGOLA APPEARED IN
MOZAMBIQUE PRESS OVER NOVEMBER 15-17 WEEKEND:

A. AN MPLA CLAIM THAT THIRTY-ONE COUNTRIES NOW RECOGNIZE
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA (MPLA STILL MISLEADINGLY
INCLUDES COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE RECOLNIZED ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE
BUT NOT GOVERNMENT). NEW ADDITIONS TO LIST ARE DENMARK,
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GABON, ETHIOPIA, SYRIA, MAURETANIA, TOGO, MALI.

B. MPLA ADMISSION OF LOSS OF BENGUELA AND LOBITO, COUPLED WITH ASSERTION MPLA STILL HOLDS PORTO AMBOIM AND NOVO REDONDO.

C. CALL BY MBUTU AND BONGO FOR OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLA (WITHOUT COMMENT).

D. DENIAL BY LUIS D'ALMEIDA, MPLA DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, THAT CUBAN OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN TROOPS ARE FIGHTING WITH MPLA.

E. REPORTS ON SWEARING-IN OF MPLA MINISTERS AND TEST OF SPEECHES BY NETO AND LOPO DO NASCIMENTO FOLLOWING CEREMONY.

F. LENGTHY LUANDA PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT BY COMMANDANTE JULIO D'ALMEIDA (COMMANDER "JUJU") OF MPLA GENERAL STAFF ALLEGING EXISTENCE OF IMPERIALIST PLOT AGAINST MPLA COORDINATED BY "FASCIST INTERNATIONAL ANTICOMMUNIST LEAGUE" AND FINANCED BY ANTONIO CHAMPALIMAUD, ANTONIO ESPIRITU SANTO AND OTHER PORTUGUESE BANKERS. "JUJU" CLAIMED EX-PORTUGUESE COLONELS SANTOS E CASTRO AND MANUEL SOUZA TELEY AND MAJOR ALVES CARDOSO AS LEADERS OF CONSPIRACY IN ANGOLA, ALLEGED CHIPENDA PART OF CONSPIRACY, AND CLAIMED GROUP HAD CONTACTS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, HOLDEN ROBERTO AND MOBUTU. AMONG OTHER THINGS, "JUJU" SAID SANTOS E CASTRO CLAIMED HE HAD SUPPORT OF "GERMANY, ENGLAND, USA AND

SOUTH AFRICA", AND THAT "AT REQUEST OF AMERICANS, PORTS OF MOCAMEDES AND PORT ALEXANDRE SHOULD BE HELD AT ALL COSTS" TO ENABLE SUPPLIES TO GET TO UNITA IN CENTRAL FRONT. (WE WILL REPORT THIS IN MORE DETAIL IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT USEFUL).

2. IN LUANDA INTERVIEW WITH RADIO MOZAMBIQUE REPORTER BROADCAST LOCALLY ON NOVEMBER 16, COMMANDANTE "JUJU" EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BATTLE SITUATION, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "MERCENARY-LED" COLUMN WHICH TOOK SA DA BANDEIRA, BENGUELA AND LOBITO AND NOW MOVING TOWARD LUANDA FROM SOUTH TOOK FAPLA AND MPLA BY SURPRISE AND FORCED THEM TO DEVISE NEW TACTICS AND STRATEGY. HE MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS. ARENALES

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